

Testimony in Support of HB-7219 An Act Concerning Ghost Guns,

With respect to gun deaths and injury, Connecticut is among the safest states in the U.S. This is due to the laws which you, our legislators, have passed regulating the selling, purchasing, owning and storage of firearms. I thank you for this. Today, I urge you to maintain this safety record by passing HB-7219 An Act Concerning Ghost Guns.

I cannot think of a valid reason for allowing people to build a weapon in their own home without requiring them to pass a background check and register the weapon as if purchased through a licensed arms dealer. By ignoring these requirements, felons and other prohibited buyers of weapons will be able to by-pass the strict regulations our state enforces. Isn't it one of your prime obligations to ensure public safety?

Having been a resident of Sandy Hook when that terrible shooting happened, I know better than most how gun violence affects communities. I have since spent hours learning about the issues relating to gun safety. Based on what I know, I can honestly tell you that you would be failing the public if you did not protect us from the dangers inherent in the unregulated assembly of firearms. For this, I urge you pass HB-7219 An Act Concerning Ghost Guns.

Sincerely,
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